

Appl. No. 09/939,166

~~Amend. Date February 14, 2005~~

Response to Office Action dated December 13, 2004

REMARKS

The FINAL Office Action of December 13, 2004 contained the following objections and rejections:

1. Claim 1-5 and 7-12 were allowed;
2. Claims 16, 29 and 30 were objected to as depending on a rejected base claim, but would be deemed allowable if rewritten in independent claim format; and
3. Claims 13-14, 17-19, 21, 23, 25-28, 31-34, 36 and 38-40 were rejected.

The Title has been changed to better describe the invention. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have amended independent claims 13 and 19 to include the elements of the objected dependent claims 16 and 29, respectively. As such, all dependent claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants have canceled claims 16, 29 and 31-40.

In addition, Applicants have added new claims 41-52, which depend on allowable base claims in view of present amendments and indicated by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Support for these claims can be found at least in now canceled claims 38 and 39.

Applicants believe the present claims are now in condition for allowance, and action toward that end is respectfully requested.

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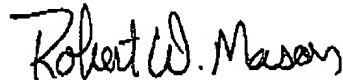
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. Believing that all matters raised in the Examiner's December 13, 2004 Office Action have been addressed, Applicants respectfully ask that the claims be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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